



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q61222 **RECEIVED** Toshiro HAYAKAWA FEB 2 7 2004 Group Art Unit: 2828 Appln. No.: 09/779,586 -Examiner: Cornelius H. Jackson Confirmation No.: 6818 Filed: February 09, 2001 LASER APPARATUS INCLUDING SURFACE-EMITTING SEMICONDUCTOR For: EXCITED WITH SEMICONDUCTOR LASER ELEMENT, AND DIRECTLY **MODULATED** AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents

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In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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